

Grove Hall



At the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue, Washington and Warren Streets, Grove Hall links Dorchester and Roxbury. Residents have been attracted to the area because of its proximity to Franklin Park. Grove Hall's residential and commercial growth increased in 1870 after Dorchester was annexed to Boston, and became the heart of one of the city's busiest commercial streets.

After several changes in the ethnicity of its residents and businesses, the new Grove Hall is a diverse community. Grove Hall Main Streets' aim is to make Blue Hill Avenue Boston's "International Avenue of Color." Through City reinvestment, the neighborhood is again a vibrant commercial center. The Grove Hall Mecca Mall offers a variety of shopping opportunities.

Dining & Foods

Try one of the local eateries in Grove Hall and enjoy dishes that include barbecue, Caribbean, and good home cooking.

Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to Ruggles Station, and take the #28, 23 or 19 bus to Grove Hall. Or, Red Line to Ashmont Station take the #23 bus to Grove Hall.

By Car: From I-93, take the Columbia Road exit. Follow Columbia Road, bearing to the left at the 2nd full set of lights. Continue straight to the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue. The entrance to Franklin Park will be in front of you – this is the beginning of the Grove Hall Main Streets District. Turn right on Blue Hill Avenue. At the second light you will be in Grove Hall.



Sights to See

Franklin Park

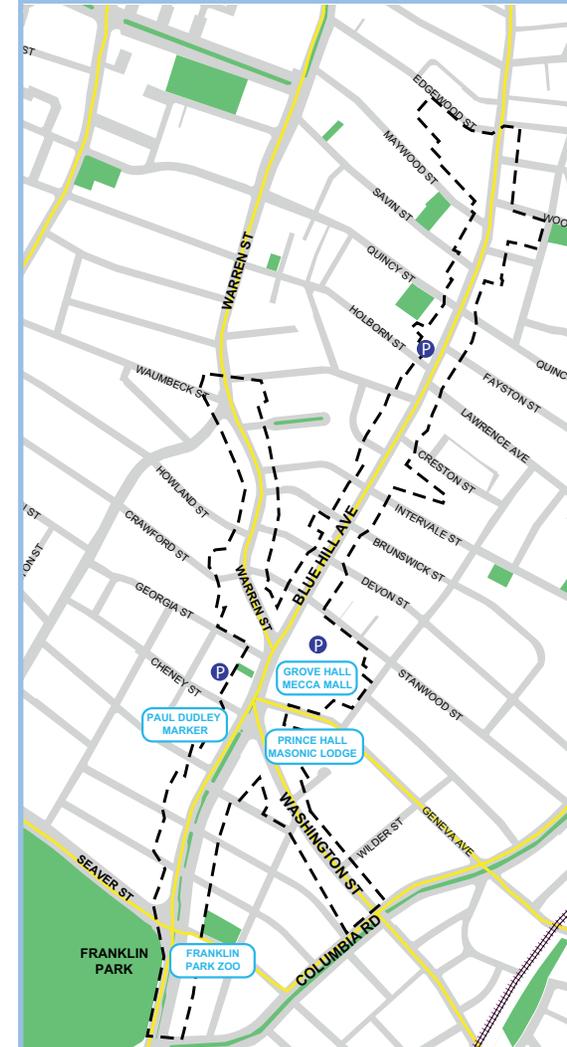
Boston's historic Franklin Park, long considered the "crown jewel" of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace Park System draws over 500,000 visitors annually. It hosts events such as the annual West Indian Carnival, the Puerto Rican Festival, and the Kite Festival in May. Within the park is **Franklin Park Zoo**, home to more than 1,100 individual animals, representing 220 species; and the **William Devine Golf Course**, the city's oldest public golf course.

Paul Dudley Marker

The Dudley Marker was one of nine such markers that measured the distance to Boston in colonial times.

Prince Hall Masonic Lodge

Founded in 1787 by Prince Hall, it was the first African Lodge of Masons in the United States. Prince Hall is one of the few lodges that still possess its original Royal Charter.



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- District boundary
- Park/open space
- Public parking
- MBTA station
- Bus route